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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
STEPHEN A. SCHROEDER ET AL. ) Examiner: Leslie A. Wong  
Application No.: 09/903,710 ) Group Art Unit: 1761  
Filed: July 31, 2001 )  
For: METHOD OF PREPARING LIQUID )  
COMPOSITIONS FOR DELIVERY :  
OF N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)- )  
L- $\alpha$ -ASPARTYL]-L- )  
PHENYLALANINE 1-METHYL )  
ESTER IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE :  
SYSTEMS ) June 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004, for three months from March 8, 2005, to June 8, 2005. A check in the amount of \$1020.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account

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II. This is in response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please consider the following remarks.